

Qualifying CE Categories

Horticultural Therapist – Board Certified (HT-BC)



This document references official information from the HT-BC Recertification Renewal Handbook. The Recertification Renewal Handbook contains necessary information about the HT-BC. It is required reading for those renewing their certification. [Access the Candidate Handbook on AHTA's website.](#)

Continuing Education Categories

Conferences, Workshops, Courses, Independent Learning.

Credits may be given for professional events, academic coursework, webinars, and self-study courses. All academic coursework must reflect a grade of C- or above. Content must align with the domain focus areas identified in the current AHTA Job Task analysis.

Description	Documentation	Credit Amount	Maximum Allowable Credit
Horticultural Therapy Conferences, Workshops, and/or Webinars	Certificate of Completion	1 credit per 50 minutes	50
Conferences, Workshops, and/or Webinars from other knowledge related areas	Certificate of Completion	1 credit per 50 minutes	50
Academic Course(s)	Official transcript	10 credits per 1 quarter 15 credits per 1 semester	45
Self-Study Course	Certificate of Completion	As approved by provider	20

Publications

An individual publication may be given credit only once even if published multiple times. Continuing education submitted in the category Journal Research must be published in a peer reviewed publication and report on horticultural therapy/therapeutic horticulture as a clinical intervention. Book and book chapters must reflect a horticultural therapy/therapeutic horticulture topic related to the current AHTA Job Task Analysis.

Description	Documentation	Credit Amount	Maximum Allowable Credit
Journal Research (author or co-author)	Published title page and reference	10 per article	20
Book Book Chapter	Written summary, APA Citation, published title page, copyright page	40 per book 10 per chapter	40
Book Review	Copy of review	3 per review	9

Presentations

Presentations may be in the form of seminars, symposia, conferences, workshops, or webinars. The HT-BC may be a guest lecturer, primary presenter, or panel participant. Credit will not be given for repeat or multiple presentations of the same material. Content must align with the domain focus areas identified in the current AHTA Job Task Analysis.

Description	Documentation	Credit Amount	Maximum Allowable Credit
Presentations	Written summary, proof of presentation	2 credits per 50 minutes	10
Poster Presentation	Written summary, proof of presentation	1 credit per poster	5

Professional Services

Credit may be given for professional services contributing to the field of horticultural therapy in the capacity of an internship supervisor or board director.

Description	Documentation	Credit Amount	Maximum Allowable Credit
Internship supervision	Copy of signed Intern Performance Report	2 credits per intern	6
Board of Director service	Verification of time from Officer or Association Director	1 credit per year of service	5

Not Approved for Continuing Education

The following trainings not accepted for continuing education credit include but are not limited to:

- CPR
- First Aid
- Infectious Disease Control
- Life Saving activity or other skill-based courses for employment requirements

Intervention skill sessions/courses will be accepted only when the majority of the focus is on using horticulture as the therapeutic process.